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In re Patent Application of:  
Daniel SANTI, *et al.*

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BIOSYNTHESIS OF POLYKETIDES

### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response expired on June 25, 2003. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to this Office Action is filed herewith extending the period for response to August 25, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Claims 1-8 are pending and were rejected in the Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.